

REMARKS

The Examiner, in paragraph 6, has objected to claims 1 and 4 as referring to "a communication network" instead of "said communication network". By this amendment Applicants have amended claims 1 and 4 as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is no longer applicable.

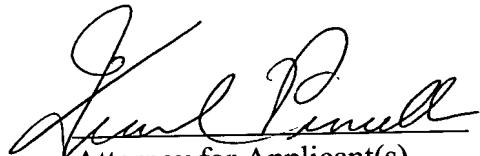
The Examiner, in paragraph 8, has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,522,418 to Yokomizo et al. for the reasons set forth therein.

Applicant respectfully submit that the '418 reference does not teach or suggest the invention as taught and claimed by Applicant. The present invention is directed to a method and/or system for providing assistance in recreating a digital image file on a user computer. Both independent claims 1 and 4 set forth analyzing the user storage device in a user computer so as to obtain a low resolution digital image of a high resolution image stored on the user's storage device and storing the low resolution image at a remote site. The claims also require obtaining storage parameters of the high resolution image files. The claims further includes transmitting from the remote location the image storage parameters to the user computer to assist in reconstructing the high resolution digital image file in the user's storage device that has had some loss of data. Thus, the present invention is directed to repairing of the high resolution images stored at the user computer. This is in complete contrast to the '418 reference. The '418 reference is directed to a system where high resolution images are stored at the dealer branch shop or dealer retail shop. See column 5, lines 47-51. It is the low resolution images that are sent to the web server 9 at the head shop 5 and then later forwarded to the user 7. See column 5, lines 59-67. The user then effects the desired editorial works on the low resolution image information received by the personal computer of the user's personal computer. See column 5, lines 66 through column 6, line 2. This is in complete contrast to the present invention where the high resolution image is stored at the user computer storage device. Thus, on this basis alone, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not teach or suggest the present invention.

Furthermore, the claims further set forth that the remote location sends storage parameters to the user computer to assist in reconstructing the high resolution digital image in the user storage device that has had some loss of data. There is no teaching or suggestion that the high resolution has had any loss of data or that information stored at the remote location can be used for reconstruction of the high resolution image. Thus, the claims are patentably distinct for this additional reason. It is respectfully submitted that the cited Yokomizo et al. reference is of little relevance to the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are patentably distinct over the prior art and are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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